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SUBJECT: CODEL GILMAN AND MIRON MARCUS
REF: A) TEL AVIV 5268 (NOTAL, B) MBABANE 1369 (NOTAL)

1. WE APPRECIATE MBABANE'S THOROUGH DESCRIPTION OF THE LOGISTICS INVOLVED IN GETTING TO GOBA (REF B) AND ARE PASSING THIS INFORMATION TO CONGRESSMAN GILMAN.
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GILMAN'S OFFICE HAS INFORMED US THAT THE CONGRESSMAN IS DEFINITELY PLANNING TO FLY BY PRIVATE AIRPLANE TO SWAZILAND. THE FLIGHT IS BEING ARRANGED BY PHILLIP SUSSMAN, MARCUS' FATHER-IN-LAW WHO IS A RHODESIAN CITIZEN RESIDENT IN SOUTH AFRICA. GILMAN'S OFFICE IS ASKING SUSSMAN TO CONTACT PAT BRENNAN AT AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG TO COORDINATE DETAILS OF THE FLIGHT. (IN CASE OF

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DIFFICULTY, SUSSMAN'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 74-1924.)

2. FOR JOHANNESBURG: PLEASE PASS DETAILS OF THE FLIGHT/
PICK-UP PLAN TO MBABANE ASAP.

3. ALERTED BY CODEL'S VISA REQUEST TO SOUTH AFRICAN
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, SOUTH AFRICANS ARE ENDEAVORING
TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS FOR CONGRESSMAN WITH SENIOR
SAG OFFICIALS. THE SAG WILL BE CONTACING AMCONSUL

JOHANNESBURG REGARDING SCHEDULING. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
THE CONGRESSMAN WISHES TO RESERVE SATURDAY MORNING,
APRIL 22, FOR RELIGIOUS SERVICES BUT HAS THE AFTERNOON
FREE. THE CONGRESSMAN, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, WOULD BE INTERESTED
IN MEETING WITH SAG OFFICIALS.

4. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT FLATTO-SHARON'S PENCHANT FOR
SECRECY (REF A) MAY LEAD TO RUFFLED FEELINGS ON PART
OF SOUTH AFRICANS AND SWAZIS. CODEL'S PARTICIPATION
LENDS AN AMERICAN ASPECT TO MARCUS' CASE, AND SOUTH
AFRICANS ARE ALREADY CURIOUS ABOUT PURPOSE OF HIS QUICK
VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN THE CASE OF SWAZILAND,
FAILURE TO ADVISE THE GOS IN ADVANCE OF WHAT IS ABOUT TO
HAPPEN AT GOBA AND THE REASON FOR CODEL'S VISIT WOULD
BE AT THE LEAST DISCOURTEOUS.
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5. ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNABLE TO FATHOM APPARENT ISRAELI
DESIRE TO KEEP THEIR EMBASSY IN SWAZILAND IN THE DARK,
WE NEVERTHELESS FEEL THAT SAG AND GOS SHOULD BE INFORMED
OF PURPOSE OF CONGRESSMAN GILMAN'S VISIT.

6. FOR CAPE TOWN AND MBABANE: YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN TO
HOST GOVERNMENTS, AT SUITABLY HIGH LEVEL, PURPOSE OF
CONGRESSMAN GILMAN'S TRIP. THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED. IN TALKING WITH THE GOS AND THE
SAG YOU SHOULD RESTRICT YOUR REMARKS TO THE MARCUS CASE
AND NOT TOUCH UPON BROADER PRISONER SWAP ASPECTS. CHRISTOPHER

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